

# Los Angeles Commission On Assaults Against Women

A Community-Based Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Youth Violence And Child Abuse Prevention Center

## Violence Against Deaf or Disabled Women Statistics

- 97% to 99% of abusers are known and trusted by the victim who has developmental disabilities. Balderian, N. (1991). "Sexual abuse of people with developmental disabilities:" The End of Silent Acceptance, Baltimore, Maryland: Paul H. Brooks Publishing Co., Inc.
- Each year, nearly 10 thousand women and children become permanently hearing impaired due to being repeatedly struck on or near the ear. National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; National Institutes of Health, National Strategic Research Plan (1989)
- A study of 482 children with documented maltreatment evaluated at the Center for Abused Handicapped Children at Boys Town Research Hospital in Omaha, NE, reveals that more than half (53.4%) of the deaf children report being sexually abused. Sullivan, P.M., Vernon, M., & Scanlan, J., 1987. "Sexual abuse of deaf youth." American Annals of the Deaf, 132, 256-62.
- Among developmentally disabled adults, as many as 83% of females and 32% of males are victims of sexual assault. Stimson, L. and Best, M.D., "Courage Above All:" Sexual Assault against Women with Disabilities. Toronto, Disabled Women's Network, Canada, 1991.
- According to a study involving the sexual abuse of people with disabilities, 79.6% of people with disabilities were sexually assaulted on more than one occasion, and 50% of those experienced more than 10 victimizations. The victims knew the perpetrator in 92% of the cases; most included family members, other people with disabilities and health care providers. Sobsey, D. & Doe, T. (1991). "Patters of sexual abuse and assault." Sexuality and Disability, 9 (3), 243-259.

Check out these links for more statistics—

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/disabvi.htm>

<http://www.lacaaw.org/statistics.html>